

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

Change the title to read --OPERATING METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING A MACHINE TOOL--.

Before paragraph [0001], add the heading --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Before paragraph [0006], add the heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Amend paragraphs [0006] and [0007] as follows:

[0006] ~~--The object is achieved by invention recited by the claims subject matter of the independent claims 1, 17 and 18. Advantageous developments emerge from the subclaims.~~ In accordance with one aspect of the invention, a machine tool has a control device that is adapted to process a step sequence and means for wirelessly reading out at least one part program from a workpiece data carrier assigned to a workpiece while processing the step sequence. The machine tool machines that workpiece in accordance with the part program that was read out by the control device.--.

[0007] ~~--By virtue of the feature that the control device~~ Since the machine tool reads out at least one part program from a workpiece data carrier assigned to the workpiece and machines the workpiece in accordance with the part program read out, each workpiece carries its own machining instruction with it, so to speak. The workpiece can therefore be fed - without prior corresponding programming of the machine tool - to any machine tool that is basically suitable.--.

Before paragraph [0019], add the heading --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING--.

Before paragraph **[0025]**, add the heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

Page 16, after the heading "CLAIMS" and before the first claim add --What is claimed is:--.